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Mr. Kenneth Blodgett
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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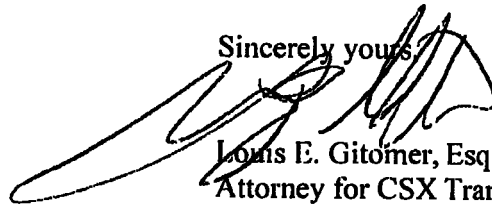
**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 706X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Erie County, NY**

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

In response to the Environmental Assessment (the "EA") served by the Office of Environmental Analysis on June 3, 2011, in the above-entitled proceeding, CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") requests removal of the condition imposed in the EA. The attached correspondence from Ms. Ruth L. Pierpont, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation of the New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (the "SHPO") states that "it is the SHPO's opinion that your project will have No Effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places." The attached letter is the result of consultations between CSXT and the SHPO.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Louis E. Gitomer, Esq.
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosure



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Re: STB
Erie Running Track Segment Abandonment
MP QCQ (Ferry St) to MP QCQ 5.58 (East
Delevan Ave/BUFFALO, Erie County
11PR02769

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

Based upon this review, it is the SHPO's opinion that your project will have No Effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Registers of Historic Places.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont
Acting Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation